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# **Clinical Trials and Drug interactions**

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# Recent US Market Withdrawal (1998-2003) \*\*

Withdrawn	Approval	Drug name	Use	Risk
1998	1997	Mibefradil	High blood pressure/ Chronic stable angina	Drug-drug interactions Torsades de Pointes
1998	1997	Bromfenac	NSAID	Acute liver failure
1998	1985	Terfenadine	Antihistamine	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
1999	1988	Astemizole	Antihistamine	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
1999	1997	Grepafloxacin	Antibiotics	Torsades de Pointes
2000	2000	Alosetron*	Irritable bowel syndrome in women	Ischemic colitis; complications of constipation
2000	1993	Cisapride	Heartburn	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
2000	1997	Troglitazone	Diabetes	Acute liver failure
2001	1997	Cerivastatin	Cholesterol lowering	Rhabdomyolysis Drug-drug interactions
2001	1999	Rapacuronium	Anesthesia	Bronchospasm

\*Reintroduced in 2001; \*\* rofecoxib (Vioxx) withdrawn in Sept 2004; natalizumab (Tysabri) withdrawn in Feb 2005

# What do they have in common?

1. Terfenadine (1985-1998)
2. Mibefradil (1997-1998)
3. Astemizole (1988 - 1999)
4. Cisapride (1993-2000)
5. Cerivastatin (1997-2001)

## Drug-drug interactions



## Unacceptable risk/benefit ratio

- QTc prolongation



- Rhabdomyolysis

**CYP3A4**

**3: substrate**

**1: inhibitor**

**CYP2C8**

**UGT**

**others**

Inhibitor

Mibefradil

Terfenadine

Astemizole

Cisapride

CYP3A



Metabolites

CYP2C8

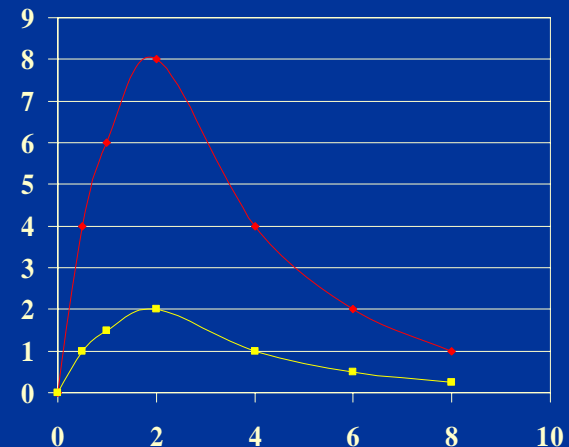
UGT

CYP3A

transporters

others

Cerivastatin



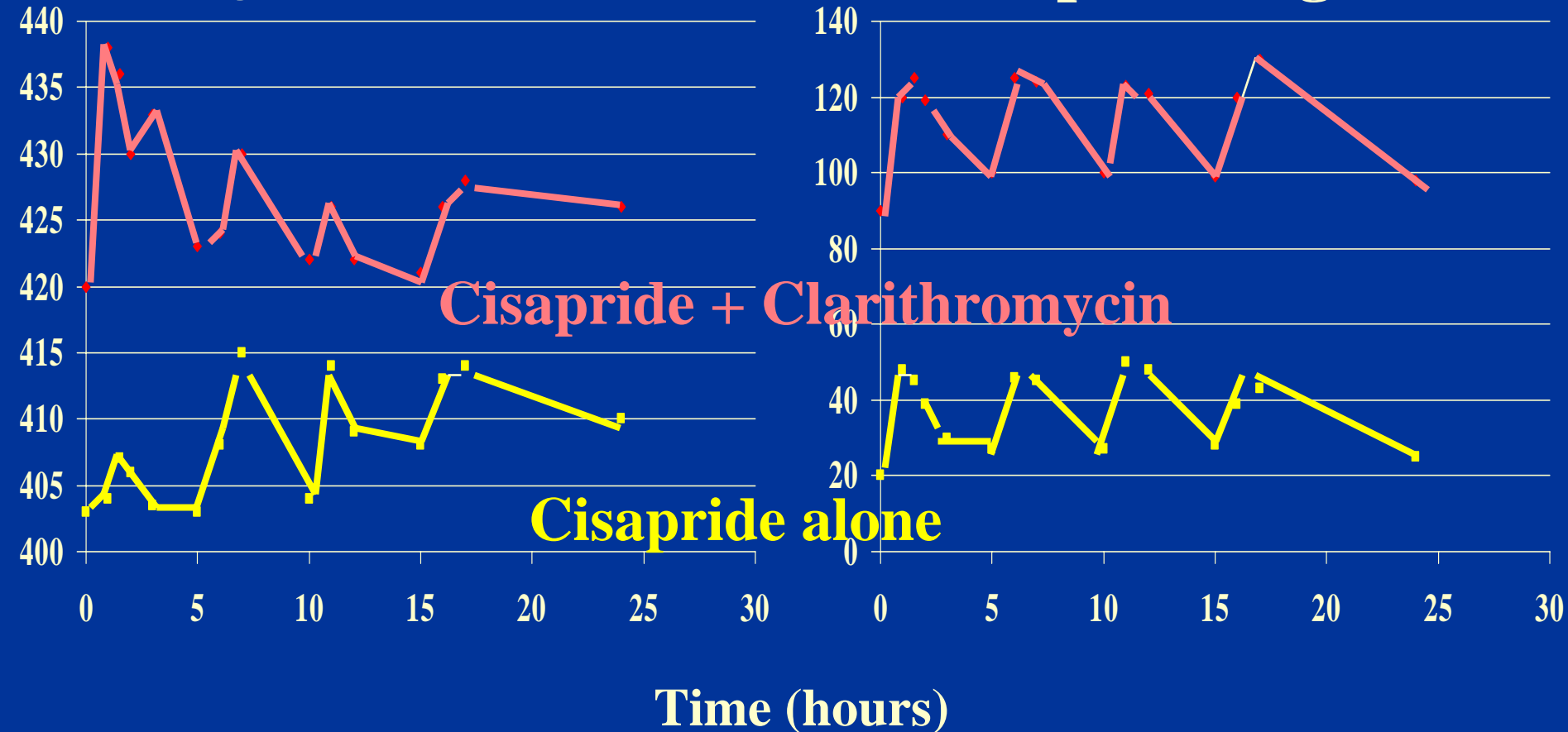
Metabolites

- Need to evaluate other drugs' effects on the new molecular entity (NME) and the NME's effects on other drugs
- Experience from recent non-approval: need to evaluate inhibition as well as induction

# Cisapride

QTc (msec)

Cisapride (ng/ml)



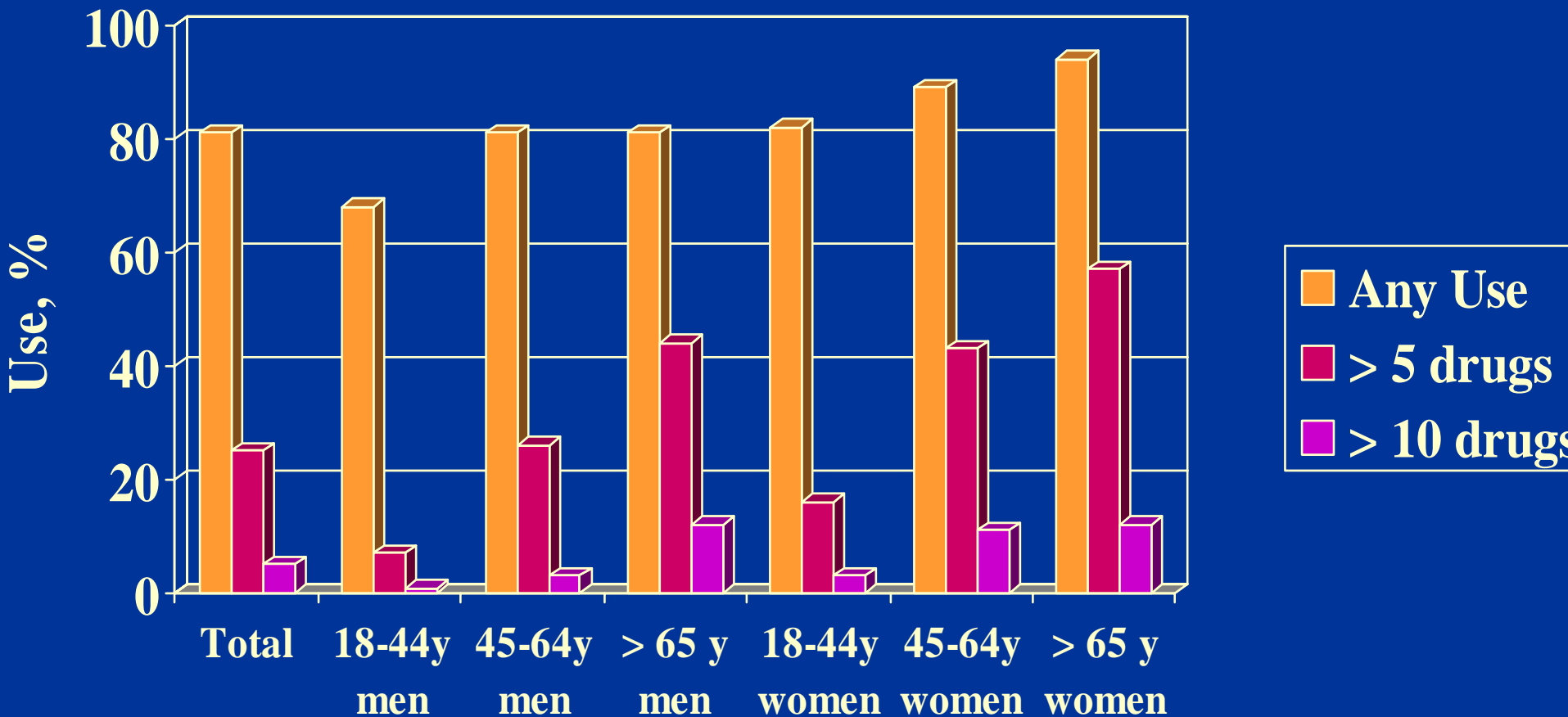
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# Adverse Drug Reactions- Marketed Drugs

- **2,000,000**  
number of serious ADRs yearly
- **100,000**  
annual number of ADR-related deaths
- **4-6**  
ranking of serious ADRs as causes of death
- **136,000,000,000**  
annual cost in dollars associated with ADRs

# Why are there so many ADRs?

## Use of Medications by Sex and Age



**“...drug interactions represent 3-5% of preventable ADRs and are an important contributor to ER visits and hospital admissions.”**

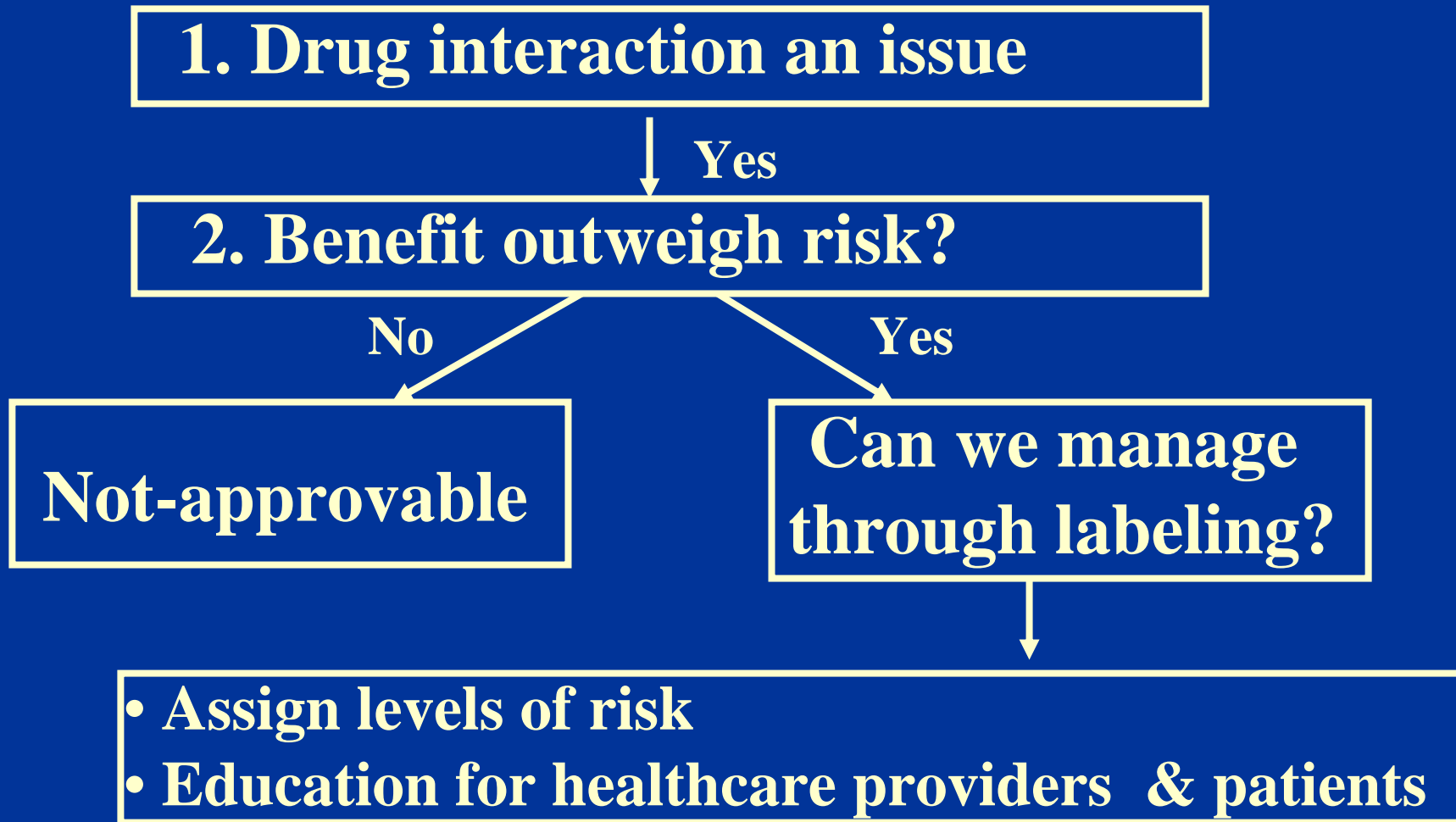
*< JAMA 1995;274(1):35-43 >*

**“...elderly patients with digoxin toxicity were 12 times more likely to have been treated with clarithromycin”**

*< JAMA 2003;289 (13):1652 >*



# What lessons have we learned? Questions to ask when review NDA/ Post-marketing data



# Clinical Pharmacology and Biopharmaceutics Review

# Extrinsic factors

**Environmental**

**Smoking/Diet**

**Medical Practice**

**Drug-drug interaction**

## Intrinsic factors

*Gender*

*Genetics*

*Race*

*Age*

*Organ*

*Disease*

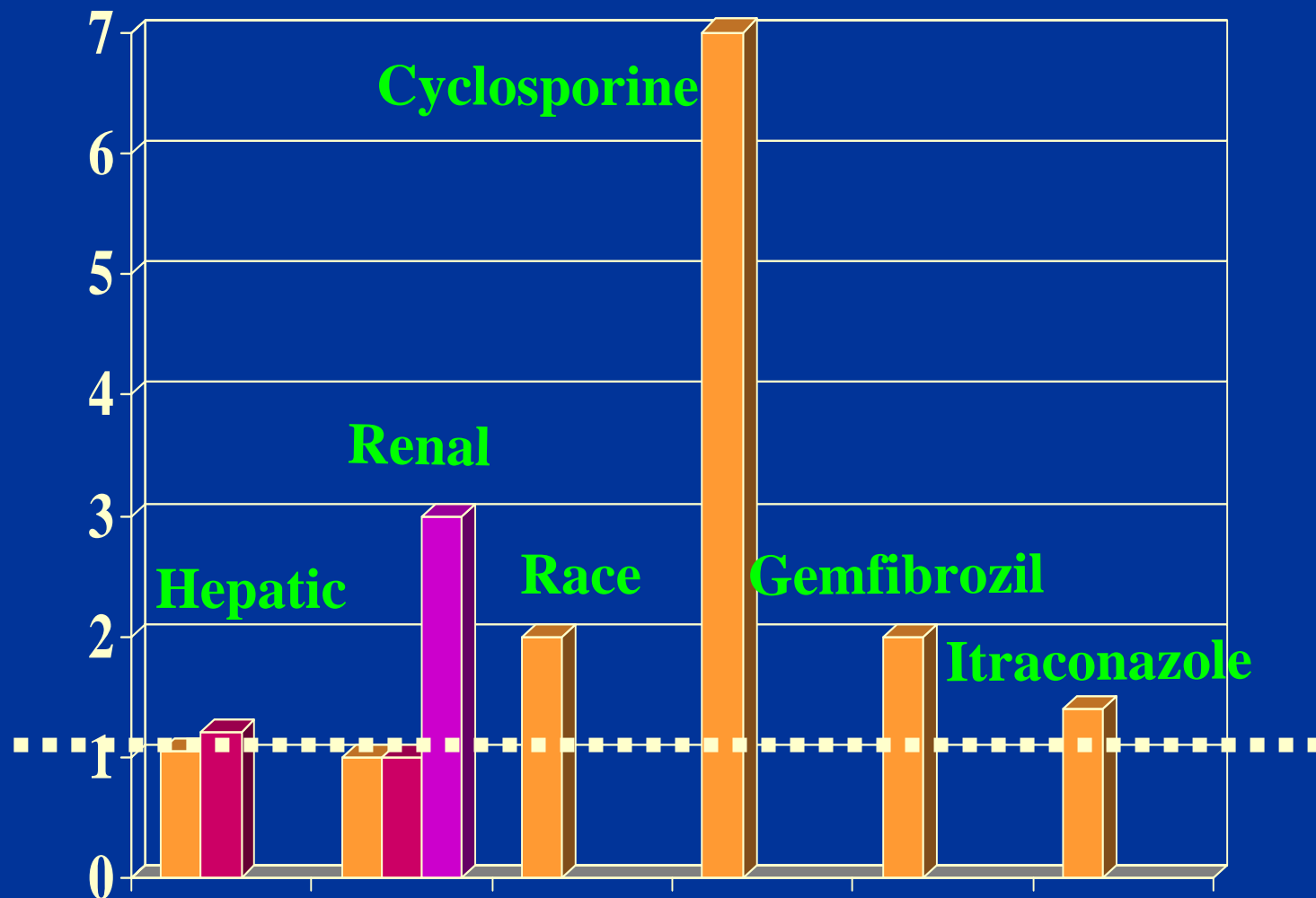
*Dysfunction*

*Pregnancy*

*Lactation*

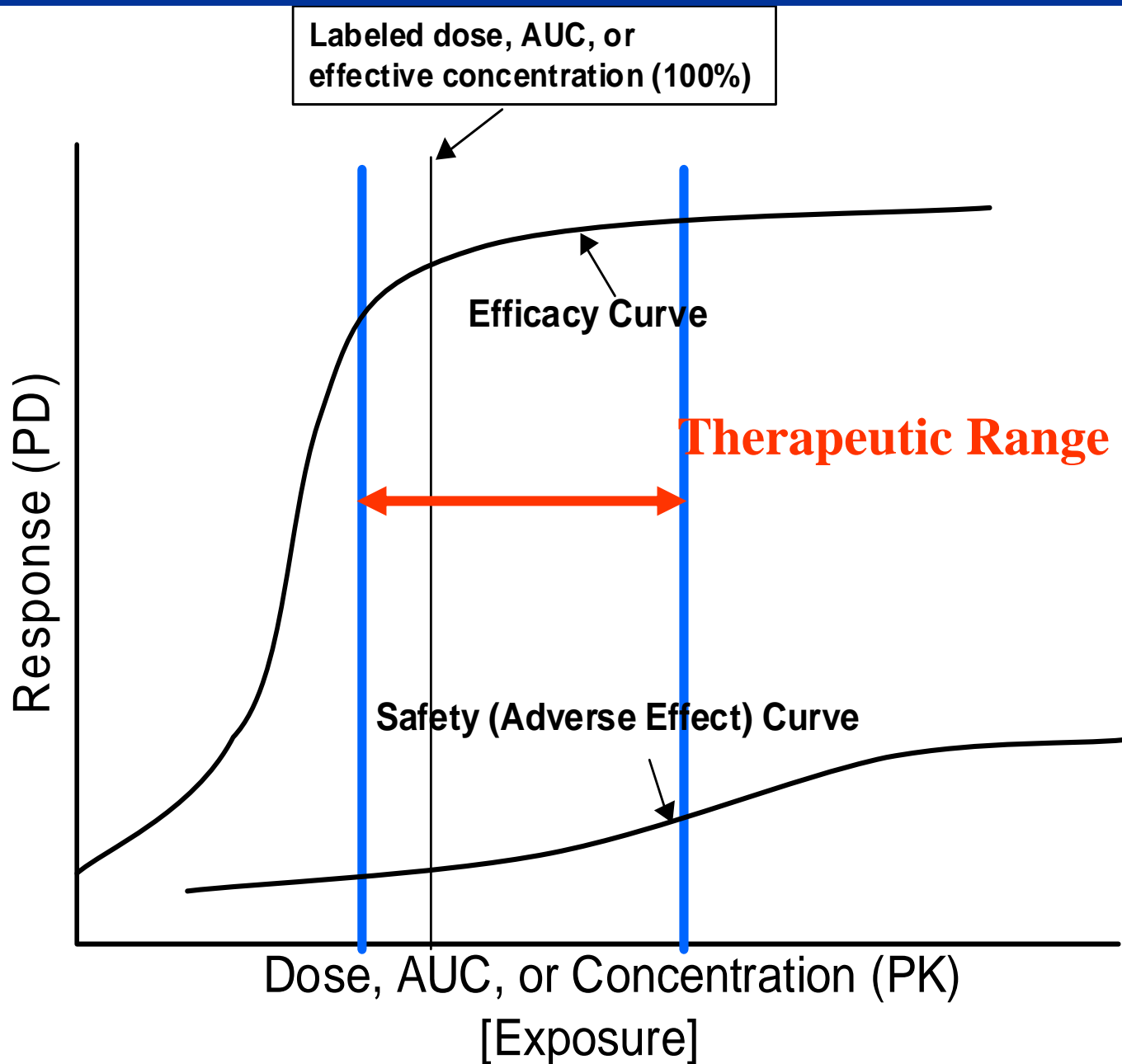
# **Evaluation of systemic exposure changes in specific populations**

Fold-Change in Exposure (AUC)

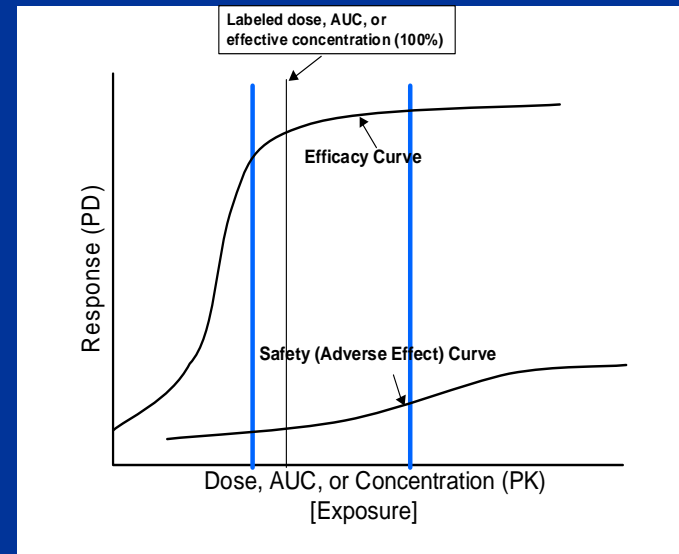
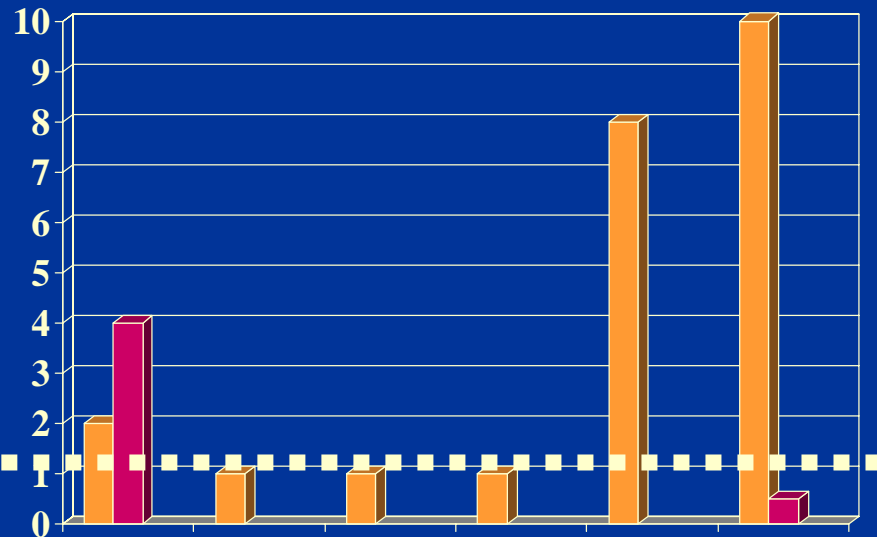


< Data compiled from PDR entry for CRESTOR® (AstraZeneca)  
(rosuvastatin calcium) labeling>

# **Establishment of exposure - response relationship**



Fold-Change in Exposure (AUC)



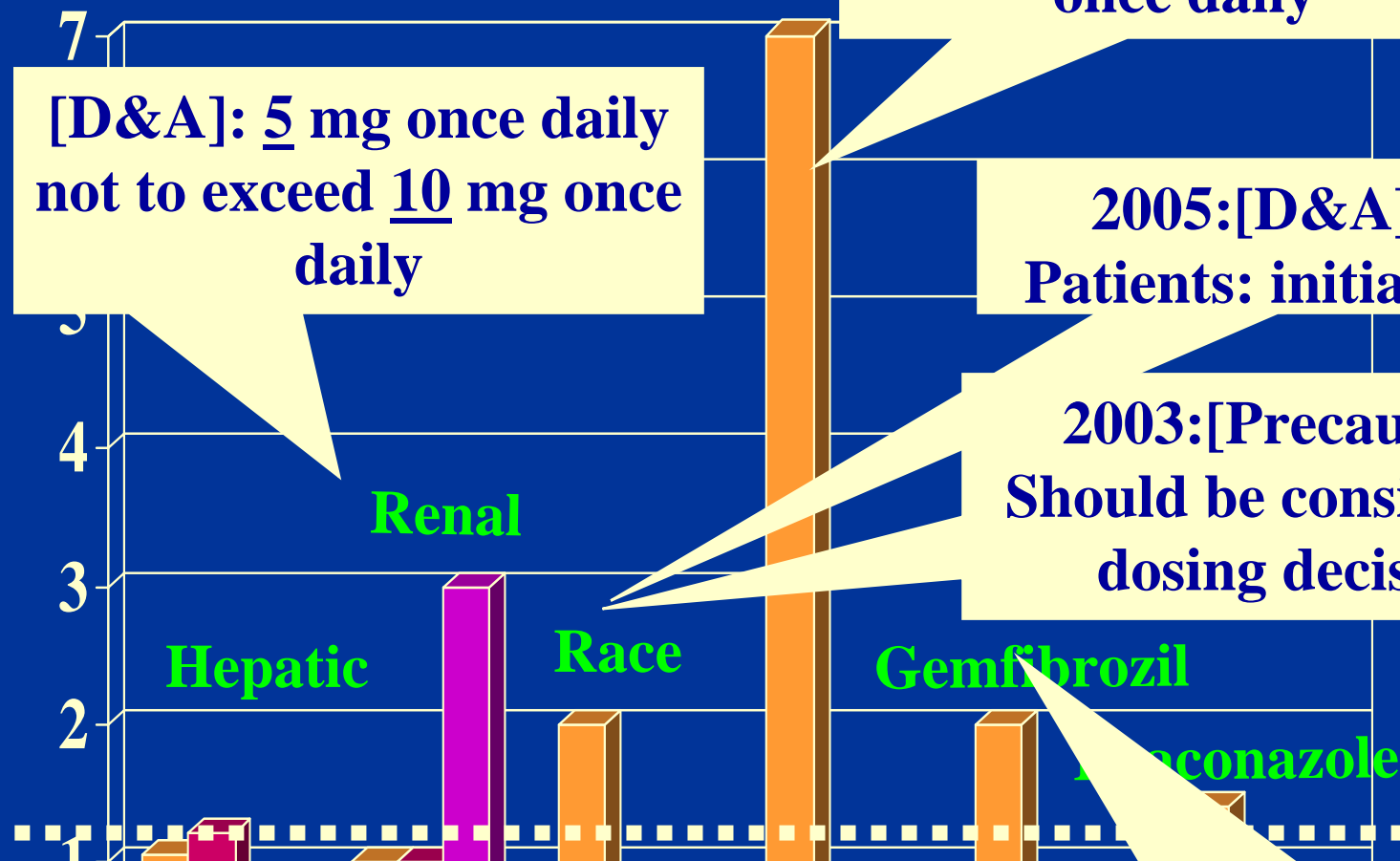
*Labeling recommendations*

↑  
Other considerations



## Cyclosporine

Fold-Change in Exposure (AUC)



[D&A]: Limited to 5 mg once daily

[D&A]: 5 mg once daily not to exceed 10 mg once daily

2005:[D&A]:Asian Patients: initiation 5 mg

2003:[Precaution]: Should be considered .. dosing decisions

[D&A]: limit to 10 mg

[Dosage and Administration (D&A)]:  
Approved: 5- 40 mg once daily  
Usual starting: 10 mg once daily

# Evaluation of Drug Interactions

# Concept Paper

## Drug Interaction Studies — Study Design, Data Analysis, and Implications for Dosing and Labeling

FDA Advisory Committee for pharmaceutical sciences and Clinical Pharmacology Subcommittee meeting. Issues drug interaction concept paper. Rockville, MD. November 3, 2004;

<http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/04/briefing/2004-4079b1.htm>;

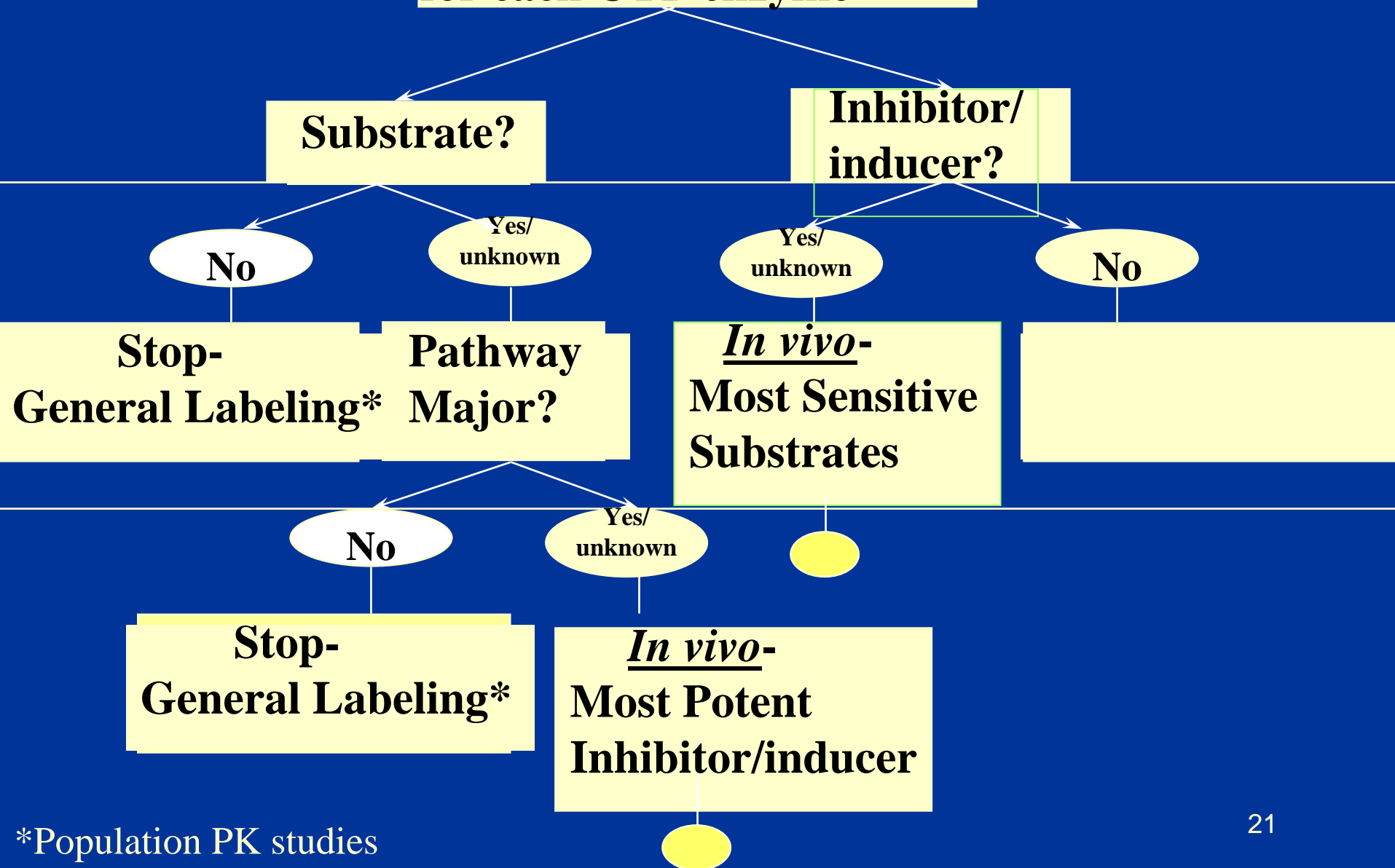
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# What is optimal drug interaction information from NDA submissions?

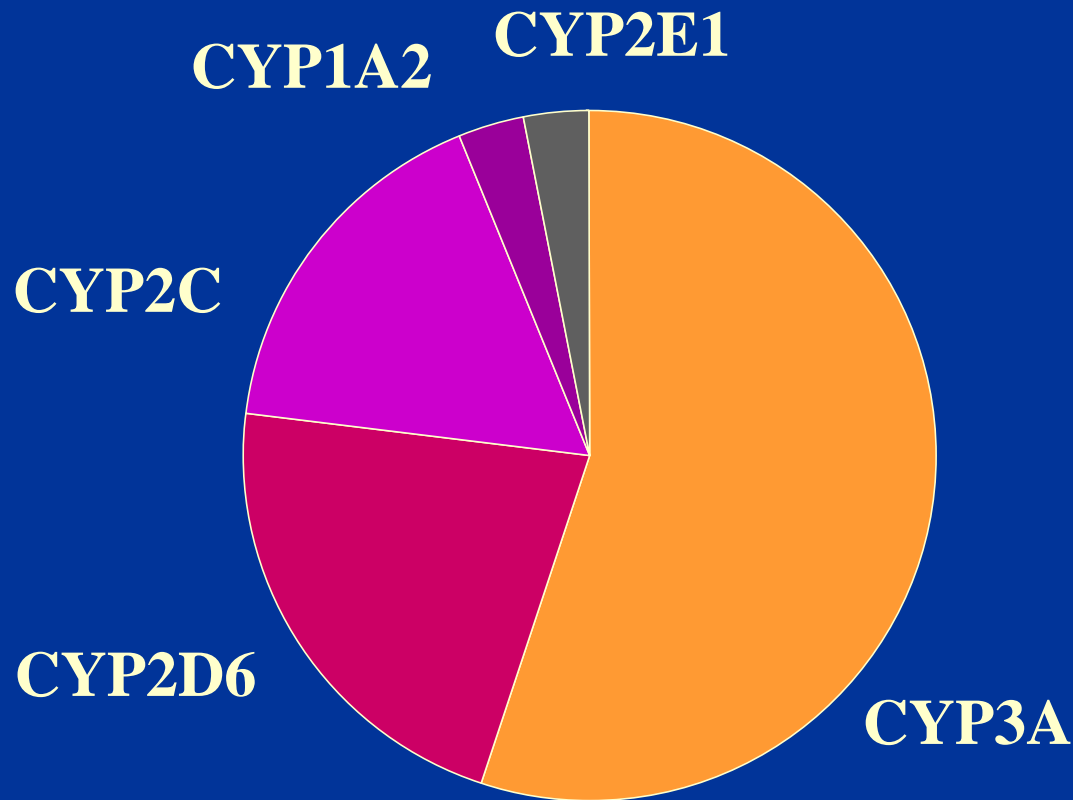
- Elucidation of metabolic pathways; contribution of CYP; fraction metabolized
  - Effect of other drugs
- Enzyme modulating potential (inhibition/induction by NME/metabolites)
  - Effect on other drugs

**In Vitro Metabolism Data**  
**<Studies in Human Tissues>**  
**for each CYP enzyme**



\*Population PK studies

# Proportion of drugs metabolized by the major cytochrome P450 enzymes



< Data taken from Godman & Gilman's The pharmacological basis of therapeutics, 9th ed., 1996>

# Evaluation of metabolic interactions

<b>Inhibition</b>	<b>CYP1A2, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP3A, CYP2D6</b>
<b>Induction</b>	<b>CYP1A2, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP3A</b>
<b>Metabolic Profiling</b>	<b>CYP1A2, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP3A, CYP2D6 Other CYPs/Phase 2 metabolism</b>

# Case 1-

## Drug as an inhibitor



# Evaluation of inhibition (1)

- Competitive inhibition

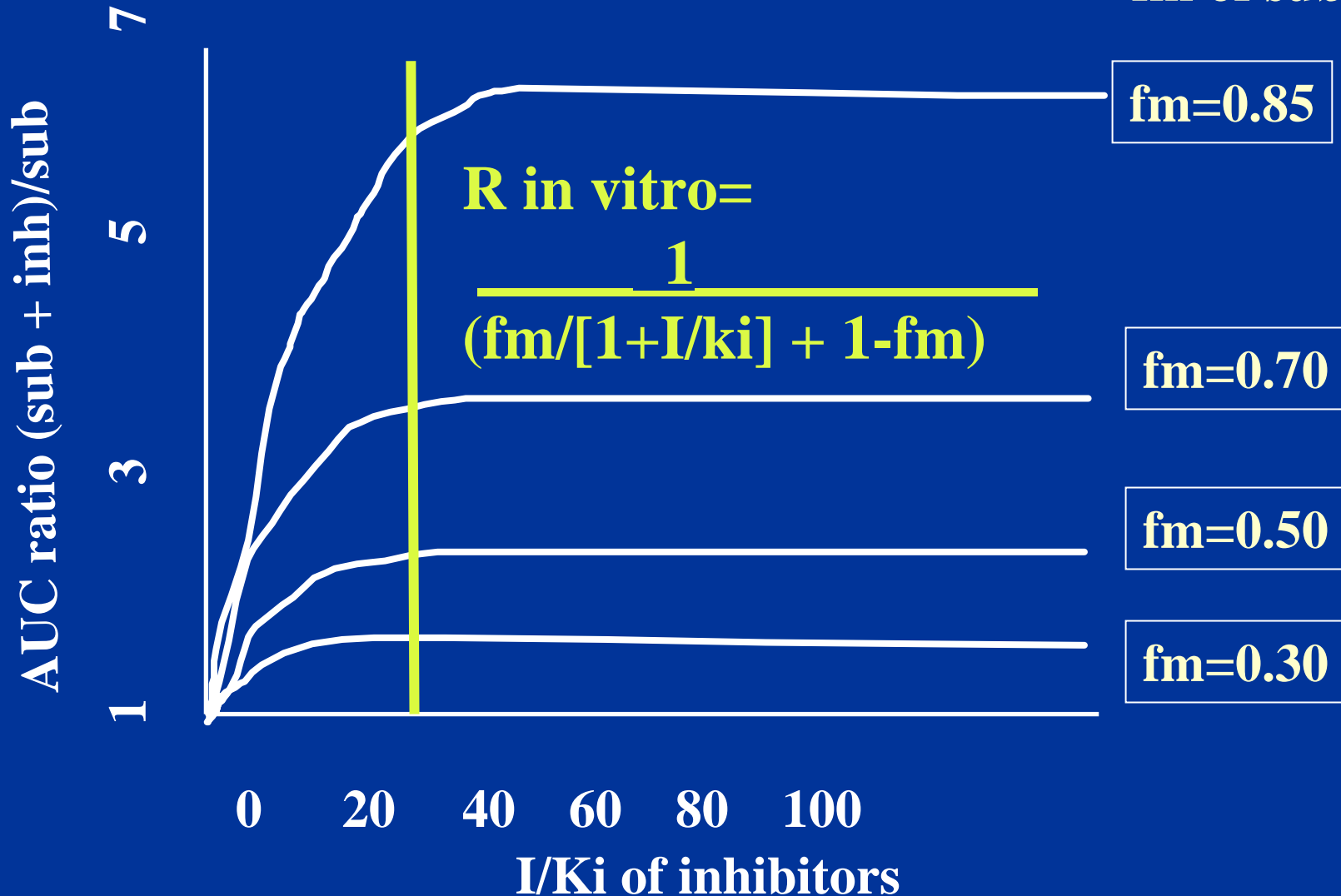
$$\text{Cl ratio} = 1/\{[f_m/(1+I/K_i)] + (1-f_m)\}$$

- Cl : Clearance
- $K_i$  : Inhibition constant
- I : Concentration of inhibitor at the enzyme site
- $f_m$ : fraction of substrate dose metabolized by specific enzyme

# Evaluation of inhibition (2)

- In vitro-in vivo relationship

fm of substrates



# Evaluation of inhibition (3)

“The likelihood of an in vivo interaction is projected based on the  $[I]/K_i$  ratio where  $[I]$  represents the mean steady-state  $C_{max}$  value for total drug (bound plus unbound) following administration of the highest proposed clinical dose. As the ratio increases, the likelihood of an interaction increases.”

## *Prediction of clinical relevance of competitive CYP inhibition*

<u><math>I/K_i</math></u>	<u>Prediction</u>
$I/K_i > 1$	Likely
$1 > I/K_i > 0.1$	Possible
$0.1 > I/K_i$	Remote

An estimated  $I/K_i$  ratio of greater than 0.1 is considered positive and a follow-up in vivo evaluation is recommended.

# Evaluation of inhibition (4)

Design the *in vivo* evaluation based on *in vitro* data

- Initial prediction based on I/Ki
- rank order and evaluate the more potent ones, smaller Kis, first)

NME (C<sub>max</sub> 1uM)

	IC50	Ki	I/Ki
CYP1A2	50 uM	40 uM	0.02
CYP2C8	>100 uM	--	
CYP2C9	20 uM	10 uM	0.1
CYP2C19	>100 uM	--	
CYP2D6	>100 uM	--	
CYP3A4	7uM	2 uM	0.5

*Evaluate  
in vivo  
first* →

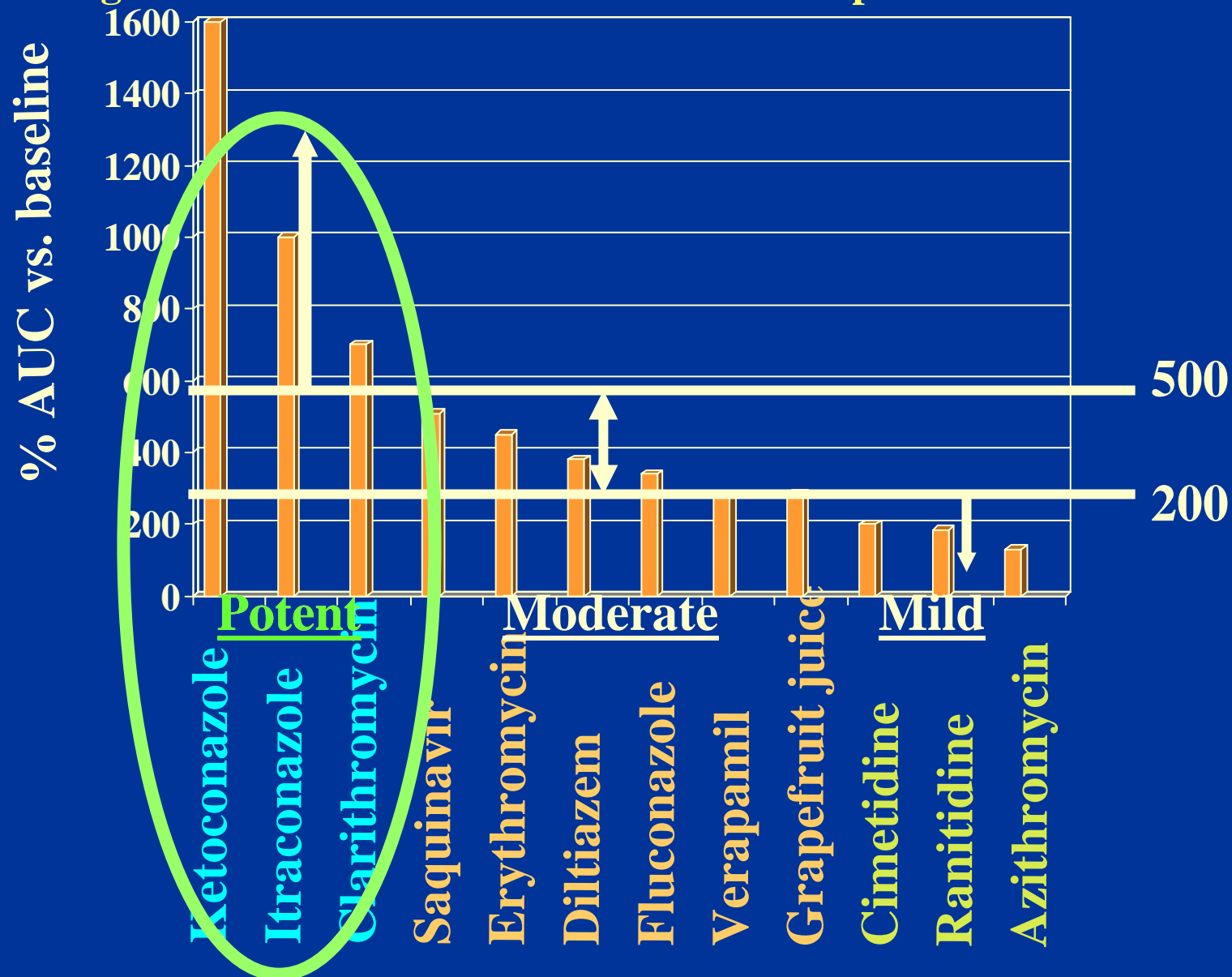
# Evaluation of inhibition (5)

- Drug as a CYP3A inhibitor

<u>Drug with</u>	<u>AUC</u>	<u>Cmax</u>
Midazolam	6x	3x
Simvastatin	8x	5x
Cisapride	3x	2x

# Evaluation of inhibition (6)

- Drug as a CYP3A inhibitor: midazolam as a probe substrate



# Evaluation of inhibition (7)

## - Labeling

**If a drug has been determined to be a strong inhibitor of CYP3A, it does not need to be tested with all CYP3A substrates to warn about an interaction with “sensitive CYP3A substrates” and “CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic range”.**

# Evaluation of inhibition (8)

## - Examples of sensitive CYP3A substrates or CYP3A substrates with NTR

Sensitive CYP3A substrates	CYP3A Substrates with Narrow therapeutic range
budesonide, buspirone, eletriptan, felodipine, imatinab, lovastatin, midazolam, saquinavir, sildenafil, simvastatin, triazolam, vardenafil	Alfentanil, astemizole(a), cisapride(a), cyclosporine, diergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus, terfenadine(a)

“sensitive CYP3A substrates” refer to drugs whose plasma AUC values are increased 5-fold or more when co-administered with CYP3A inhibitors; “CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic range” refer to drugs whose exposure-response data are such that increases in their exposure levels by the concomitant use of CYP3A inhibitors may lead to serious safety concerns (e.g., Torsades de Pointes); (a) not available in US



# Evaluation of inhibition (9)

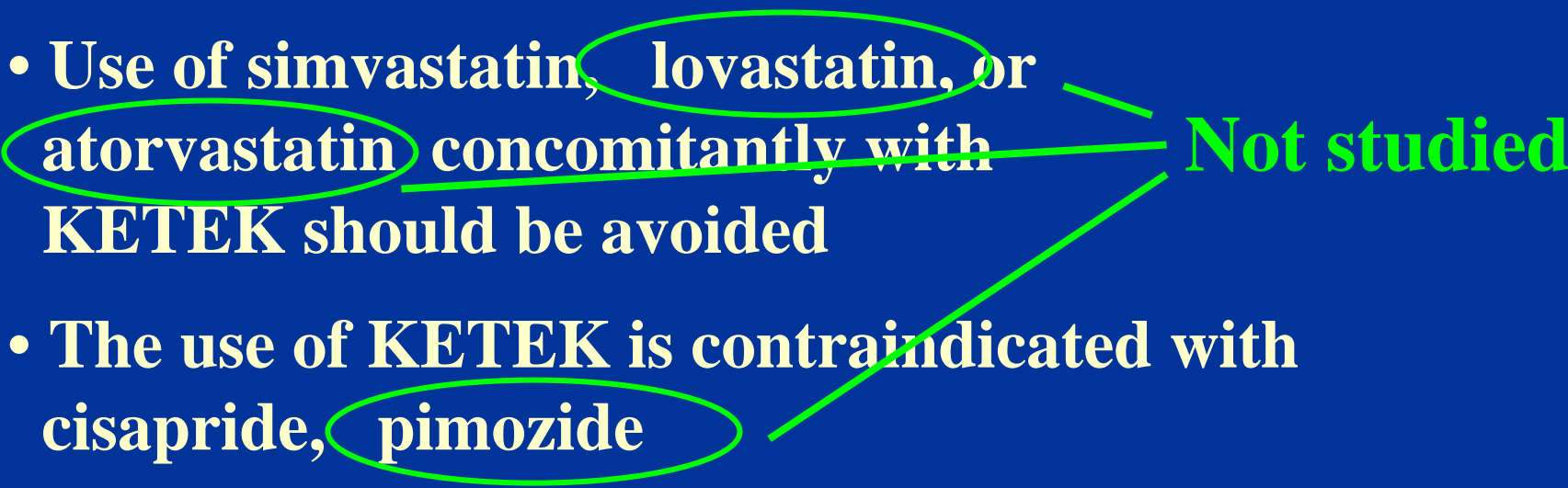
- Labeling example- CYP3A inhibitor

Telithromycin

AUC

Midazolam

6x

- Telithromycin is a strong inhibitor of the cytochrome P450 3A4 system
  - Use of simvastatin, lovastatin, or atorvastatin concomitantly with KETEK should be avoided
  - The use of KETEK is contraindicated with cisapride, pimozone
- Not studied**
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# Case 2-

## Drug as a substrate

# Drug as CYP3A substrate

<u>Drug with</u>	<u>AUC</u>	<u>Drug C<sub>max</sub></u>
Ketoconazole	8x	4x
Erythromycin	6x	3x
Verapamil	5x	3x

# Labeling

**If a drug has been determined to be a sensitive CYP3A substrate or a CYP3A substrate with a narrow therapeutic range, it does not need to be tested with all strong or moderate inhibitors of CYP3A to warn about an interaction with “strong” or “moderate” CYP3A inhibitors**

# Examples of strong and moderate CYP3A inhibitors

Strong CYP3A inhibitors	Moderate CYP3A inhibitors
atanazavir clarithromycin indinavir itraconazole ketoconazole nefazodone nelfinavir ritonavir saquinavir telithromycin voriconazole	amprenavir aprepitant diltiazem erythromycin fluconazole fosaprenavir grapefruit juice(a) verapamil

A “strong inhibitor” is one that caused a  $\geq 5$ -fold increase in the plasma AUC values of CYP3A substrates (not limited to midazolam) in clinical evaluations

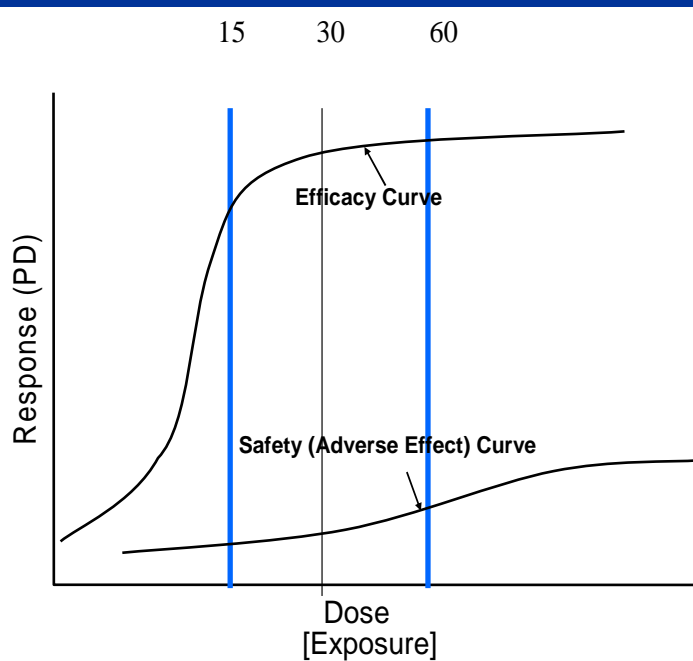
A “moderate inhibitor” is one that caused a  $\geq 2$ - but  $< 5$ -fold increase in the AUC values of sensitive CYP3A substrates when the inhibitor was given at the highest approved dose and the shortest dosing interval in clinical evaluations

(a) The effect varies widely

# Labeling example - CYP3A substrate

<u>Drug with</u>	<u>AUC</u>	<u>Drug C<sub>max</sub></u>
<u>Ketoconazole</u>	8x	4x
<u>Erythromycin</u>	6x	3x
<u>Verapamil</u>	5x	3x

[if approved]



*Do not take with strong CYP3A inhibitors....*

**Ketoconazole,  
itraconazole, ritonavir, nelfinavir,  
nefazodone, clarithromycin.**

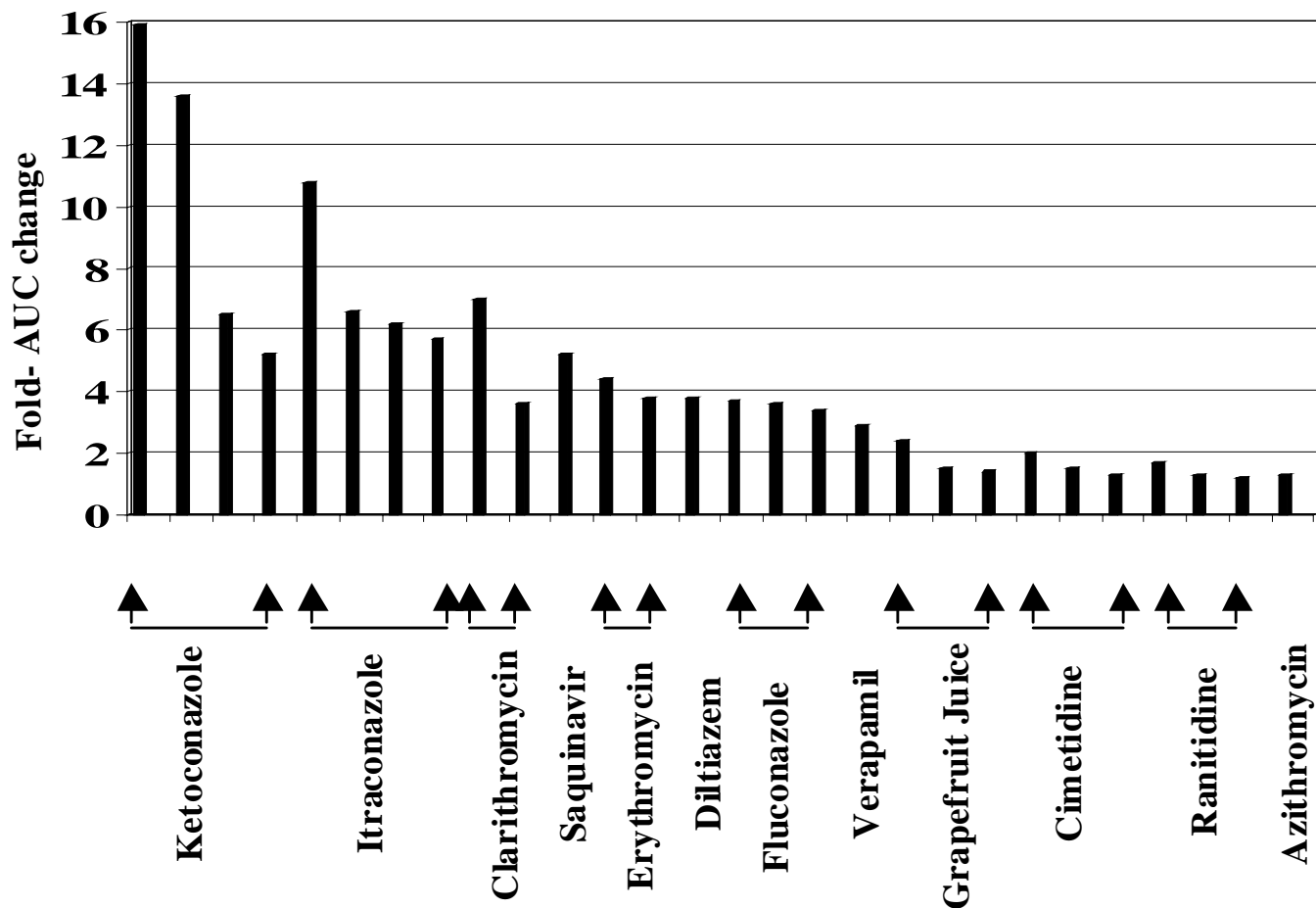
*Use lower dose with  
moderate CYP3A inhibitors....*

**erythromycin, verapamil,  
diltiazem...**

**Not studied**

# Clinical Study Designs

Figure 2a. Fold-changes of oral midazolam AUC in the presence of various CYP3A inhibitors under varied study conditions (dose, dosage regimen, dosing length, dosing time, etc) for either drug (data obtained from PubMed via *University of Washington Metabolism and Transport Drug Interaction Database* (<http://depts.washington.edu/didbase/>)- searched up to January 2000)





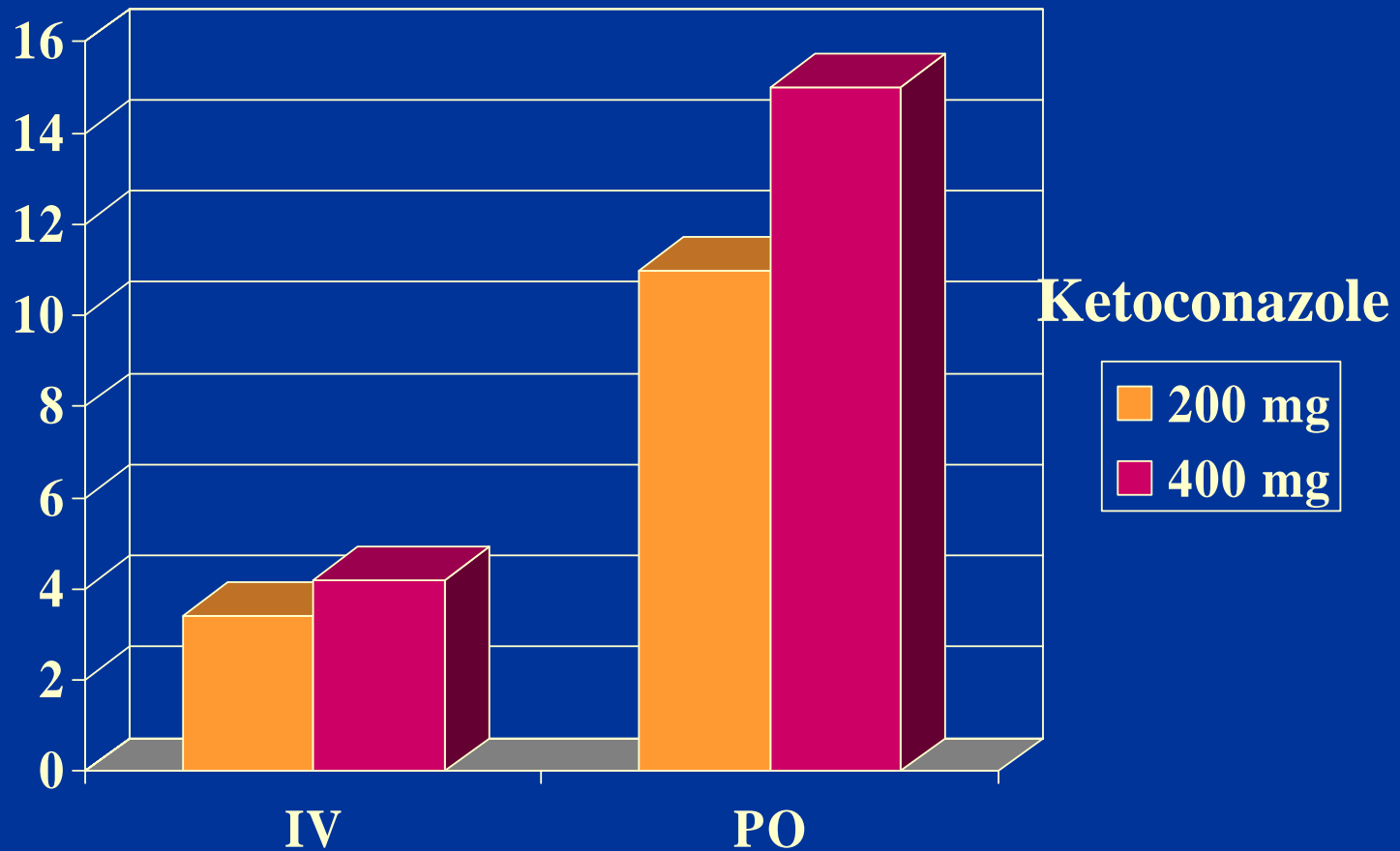
# Differences in

- dose
- dosing regimens
- route of administration
- other design issues

**Ketoconazole**  
**(inhibition of CYP3A.....)**  
**200 vs 400 mg**

# CDER/Indiana University study -within study comparison

**Midazolam  
AUC ratio:  
(with keto)/  
(without keto)**



<Data from Luckisiri, et al, submitted, ASCPT, 2005; Research Cooperative Agreement: CDER and Indiana University - preliminary data in 15 subjects (IV 0.05 mg/kg, PO 4 mg; 6-7 days of ketoconazole)>

# **Grapefruit juice**

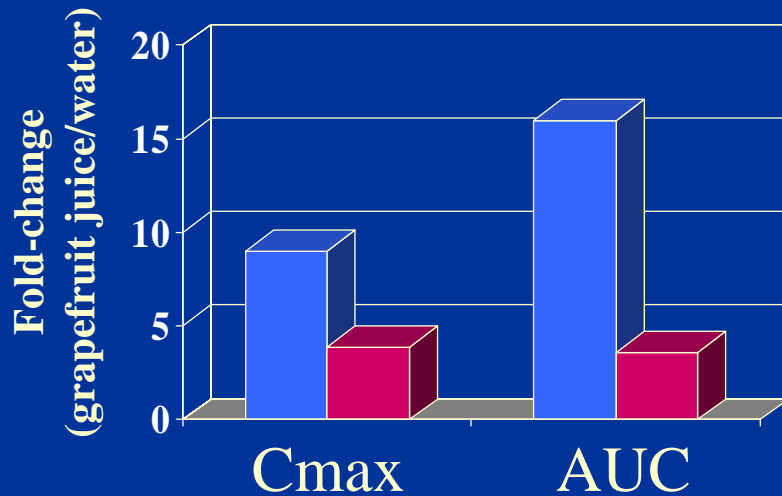
## **(inhibition of CYP3A.....)**


- different preparations**
- different dosing regimens**


# Varied Study Designs/Outcomes

## Simvastatin

(similar results with simvastatin acid)



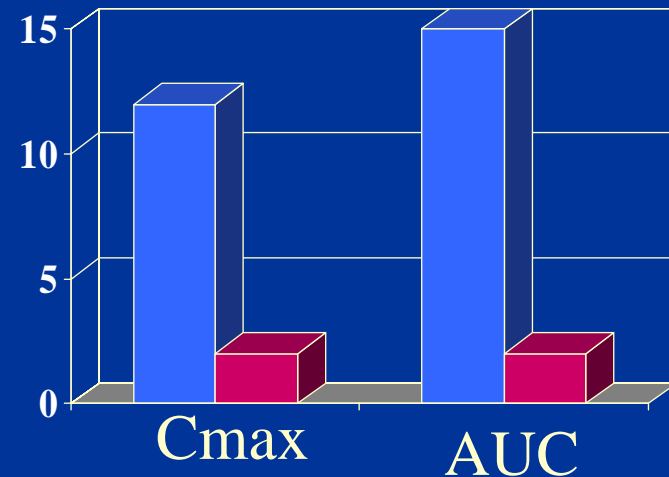
Study 1  200 mL for 3 days  
double-strength grapefruit juice  
Day 3: ( 0, 0.5, 1.5 hr)


Study 2  200 mL for 3 days  
regular grapefruit juice  
Day 3: ( 0 hr)


<Lilja et al, CPT 1998>  
<Lilja et al, BJCPT 2004>

## Lovastatin

(similar results with lovastatin acid)



Study 1  200 mL for 3 days  
double-strength grapefruit juice  
Day 3: ( 0, 0.5, 1.5 hr)

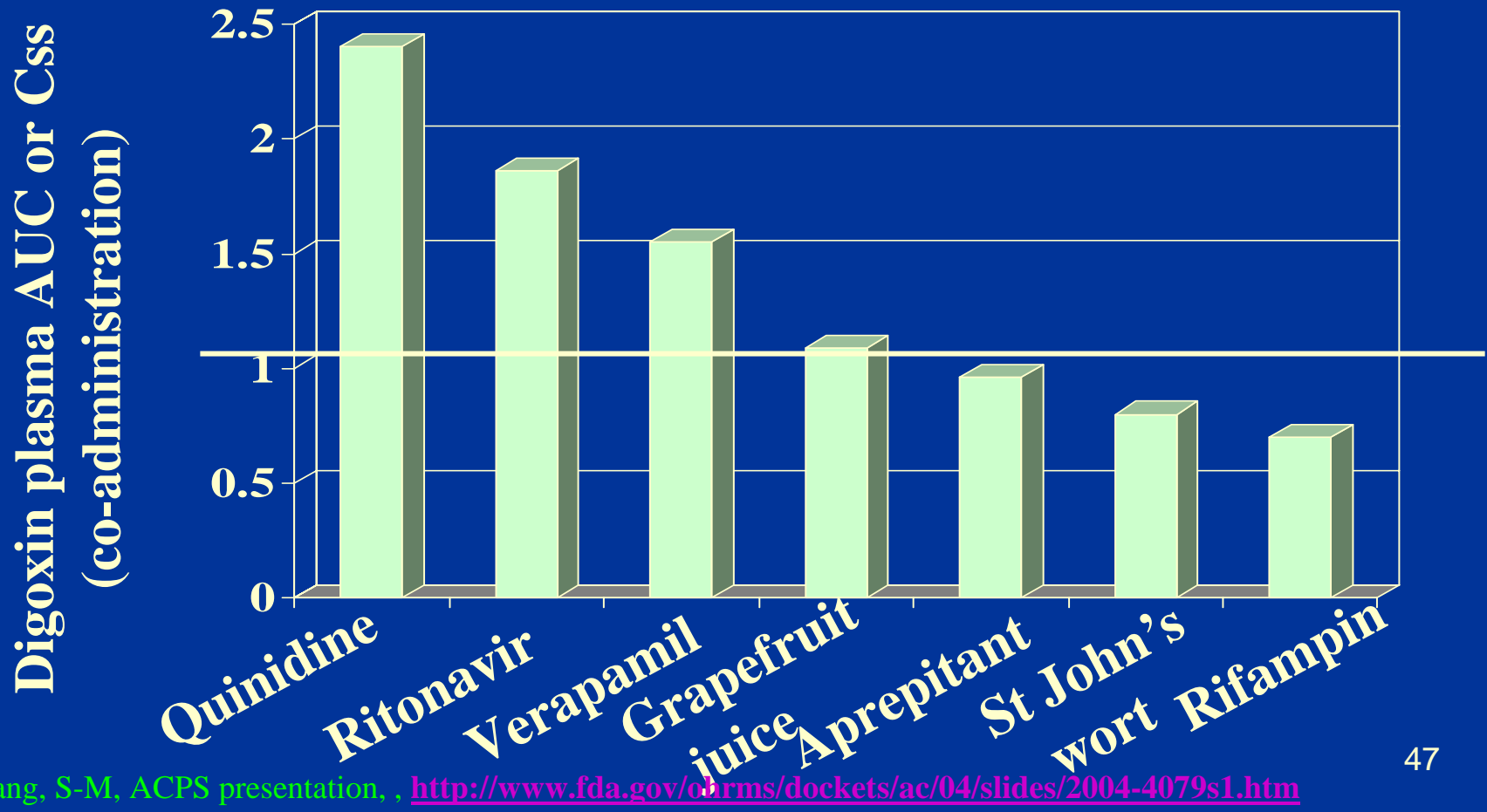
Study 2  200 mL for 3 days  
regular grapefruit juice  
Day 3: ( -12 hr)

<Kantola et al, CPT 1998>  
<Rogers et al, CPT 1999>

# **P-gp and other transporter- based interactions**

# P-gp transporter based interaction (1)

If a NME is an inhibitor of P-gp in vitro,  
in vivo study using digoxin may be appropriate



**Table. Drug interactions due to inhibition of transport proteins**

Substrate	Inhibitor	Transporter
<b>digoxin</b>	quinidine, verapamil, itraconazole	<b>P-gp; OATP</b>
fexofenadine	ketoconazole, erythromycin, azithromycin	P-gp; OATP
talinolol	verapamil	P-gp
loperamide	quinidine	P-gp
dofetilide procainamide levofloxacin	cimetidine	OCT;OAT; OATP
penicillins ACE inhibitors Antiviral drugs	probenecid	OAT
paclitaxel	valspodar	P-gp

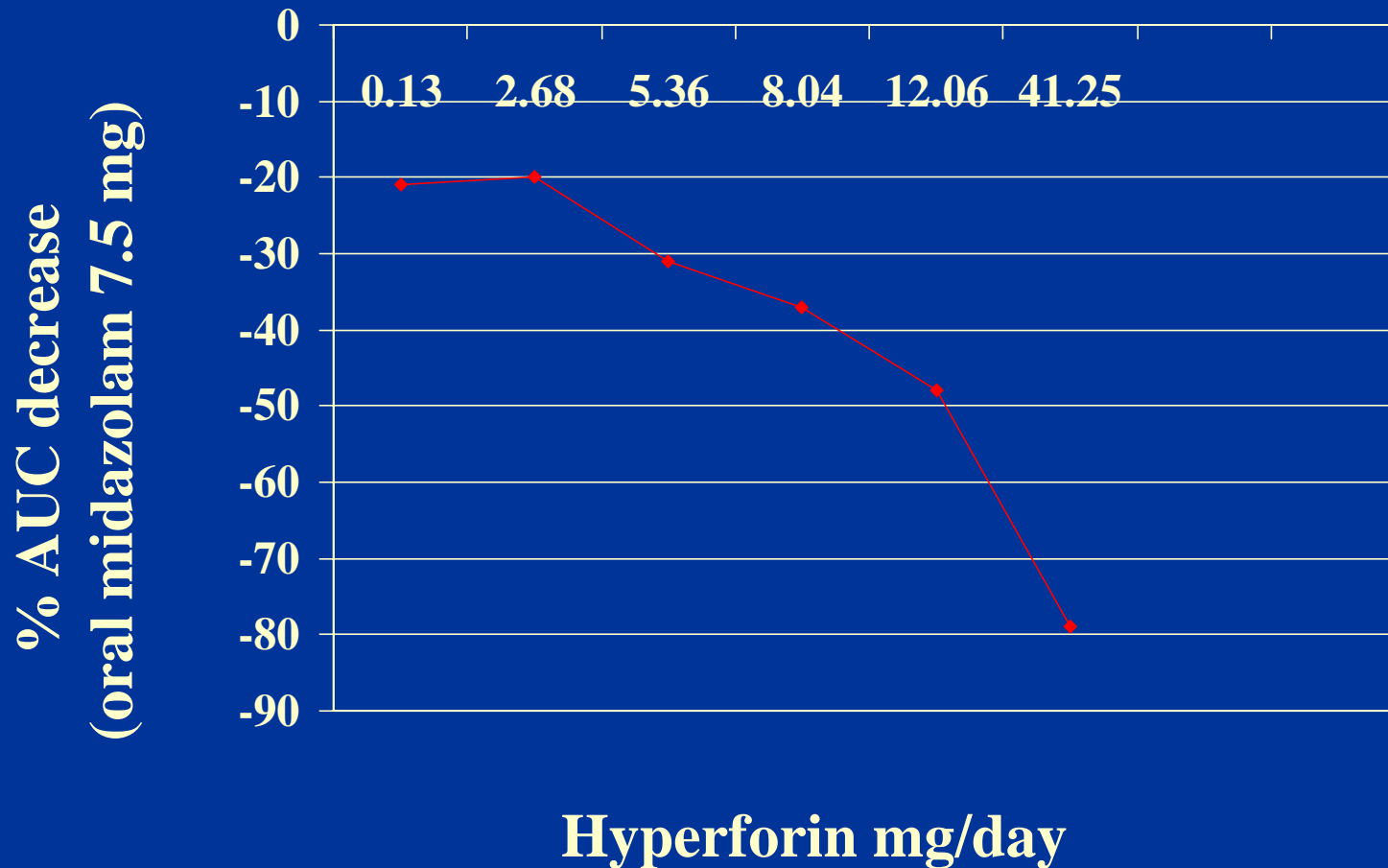
P-gp: p-glycoprotein; OAT: organic anion transporter; OCT: organic cation transporter;  
OATP: organic anion transport protein



# Interactions with dietary supplements

Dr. Gorski's  
presentation

# Hyperforin content



# Regulatory Impact

**When do we include St. John's Wort in the drug labeling?**

**Cytochrome P450 3A and P-gp substrates and where the products' effectiveness may be reduced upon co-administration of St. John's Wort**

# Labeling

- Concomitant use of KALETRA and St. John's wort (hypericum perforatum).....is not recommended.

## Similar labeling for

- MIFEPREX (mifepristone)
- GLEEVEC (imatinib)
- $\geq 55$  drug products and 2 St John's wort products

< <http://www.fda.gov/cder/foi/label/2000>

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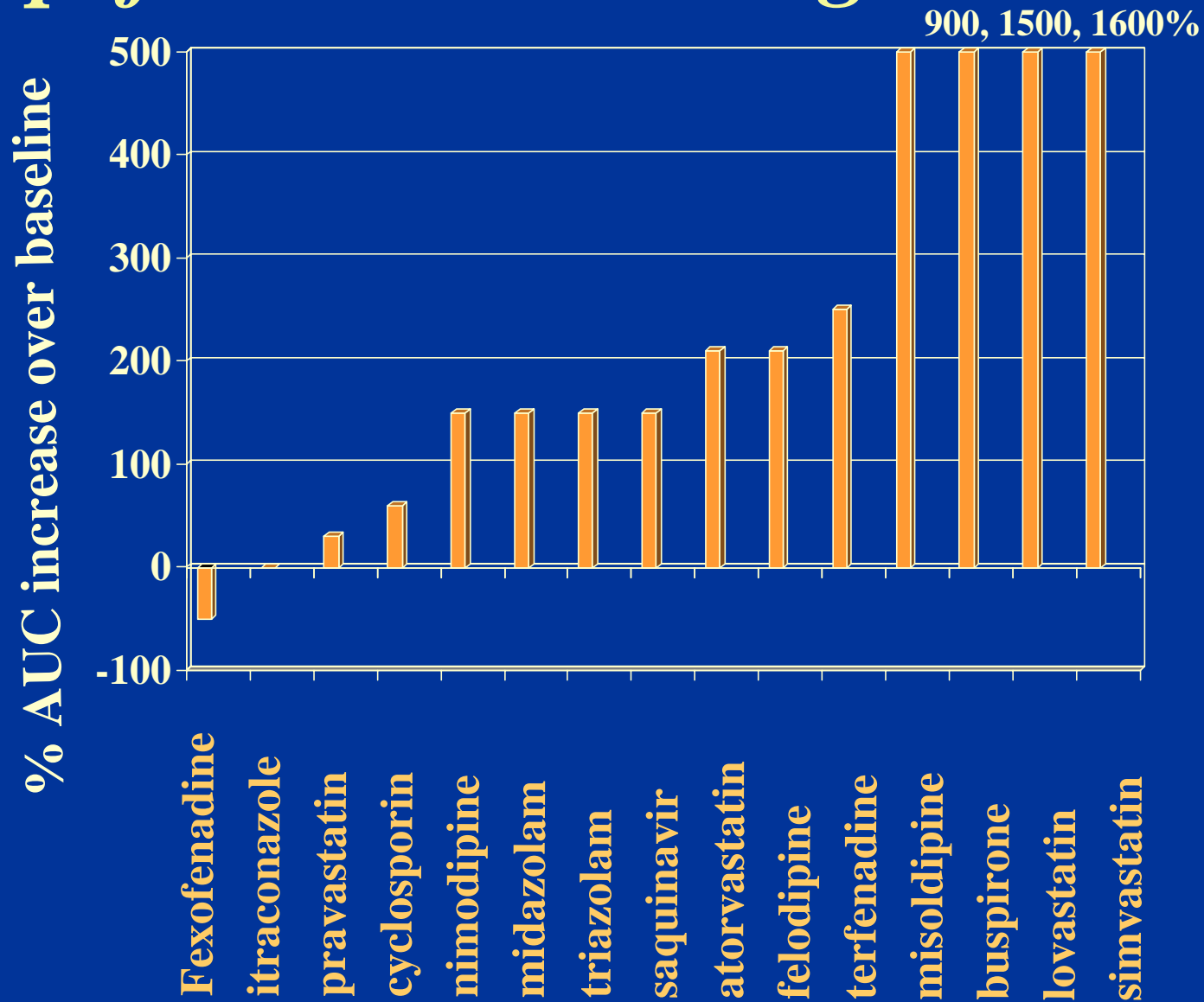
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# Interactions with Citrus Fruit/Juices

Grape fruit juice



# Grapefruit Juice - Drug Interactions



# Case 1- lovastatin (1)

- 69 yo Caucasian male; started lovastatin concurrent with gemfibrozil, amlodipine, metoprolol, glyburide, trovafloxacin, vitamine E, metformin, aspirin, ciprofloxacin
- Early Oct 98, changed his usual orange juice to 8 oz grapefruit juice
- 13 Oct 98, diffuse muscle pain and high CPK
- ICU for rhabdomyolysis with acute renal failure, overlapping with chronic renal failure

<This case has been presented earlier by Park, Wei, Green, Chang at the FDA Science Forum, February 2000; Wei J et al at the AAPS annual meeting, November 1999>

## **Case 1- lovastatin (2)**

- **started IV fluid; d/c lovastatin and gemfibrozil gradually back on other medications**
  - **CPK decreased (to 1,017 on 27 Oct 09); improved on muscle weakness**
  - **Physician concluded drug interactions between grapefruit and lovastatin and gemfibrozil**
- => told the patient to avoid grapefruit juice**



# Regulatory Impact

When do we include grapefruit juice in the drug labeling?

Cytochrome P450 3A substrates  
with low oral bioavailability

-labeling in  $\geq 28$  drug products

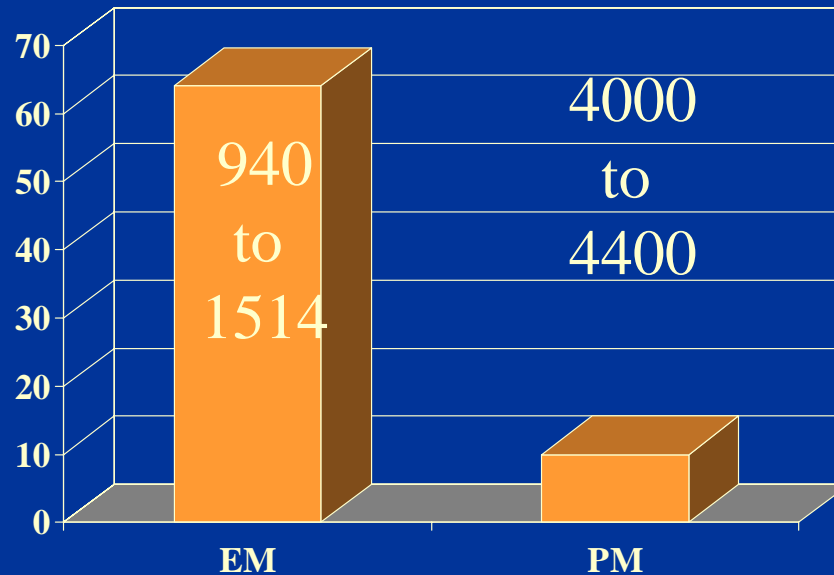
Dosage and Administration:  
Grapefruit and grapefruit juice affect metabolism, increasing blood concentration of *cyclosporine* (*Neoral*), thus should be avoided

Warnings/Precautions:  
To avoid possible serious side effects, avoid drinking large quantities of grapefruit juice (more than one quart daily) while on *simvastatin* (*ZOCOR*) (see ....Muscle)

# Pharmacogenetics

# Drug Interactions: CYP2D6 substrates

**Metoprolol**  
% AUC increase  
by diphenhydramine



**Table 7. The effect of genotypes on the extent of drug interactions**

<b>Substrate (enzyme)</b>	<b>Inhibitor or inducer</b>	<b>Outcome (changes in plasma AUC or concentrations of substrates)</b>	<b>ref</b>
<b><u>Atomoxetine (CYP2D6)</u></b>	<b><u>fluoxetine, paroxetine</u></b>	<b>AUC increase 6-8 fold in EM; no change in PM expected</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Metoprolol (CYP2D6)</b>	<b>diphenhydramine</b>	<b>Higher inhibition in EM vs. PM (fold vs. fold)</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Tamoxifen (CYP2D6)</b>	<b>paroxetine</b>	<b>Greater reduction in plasma levels of endoxifen (active metabolite of tamoxifen formed via CYP2D6) in homozygous EM as compared to patients with at least one variant allele</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Diazepam (CYP2C19)</b>	<b>omeprazole</b>	<b>No inhibition in PM</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Omeprazole (CYP2C19)</b>	<b>fluvoxamine</b>	<b>AUC increased 3-6 fold in EM; no changes in PM</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Omeprazole (CYP2C19)</b>	<b>Gingko Bloba</b>	<b>Higher induction in EM</b>	<b>80</b>

# **Summary:**

- 1. Metabolism, drug-interaction info  
key to benefit/risk assessment**
- 2. Integrated approach may reduce  
number of unnecessary studies and  
optimize knowledge**
- 3. Study design/data analysis key to  
important information for proper labeling**
- 4. Need to establish “Therapeutic equivalence  
boundaries”**
- 5. Labeling language needs to be useful and consistent**
- 6. Need additional means in communicating risks**

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